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PATENT APPLICATION

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 3762**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Keizoh KAWAGUCHI

Group Art Unit: 3762

Application No.: 09/895,178

Examiner: K. Droesch

Filed: July 2, 2001

Docket No.: 110006

For: HEART-SOUND DETECTING APPARATUS AND PULSE-WAVE-PROPAGATION-
VELOCITY-RELATING-INFORMATION OBTAINING SYSTEM USING THE
HEART-SOUND DETECTING APPARATUS

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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In reply to the February 13, 2004, Office Action, the period for reply being extended
by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, reconsideration of the above-identified
application is respectfully requested.

Claims 4-7 and 9-11 are pending in this application. Applicant appreciates the Office
Action's indication that claims 10 and 11 contain allowable subject matter.

The Office Action rejects claims 4-7 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over U.S.
Publication No. 2002/0035337 to Oka. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The subject matter asserted by the Examiner to disclose the features of claim 4 was in
fact invented by Mr. Kawaguchi, the inventor of the instant application. Thus, Oka does not
satisfy the requirement of being invented by another, as required in §102(e).